GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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CAPACITY OF INDIAN AIRLINES
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE;JASWANT SINGH YADAV;KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU;M. JAGANNATH;NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA;V.M. SUDHEERAN

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines has failed to induct five lease boeing 737-200s aircrafts;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the loss suffered by the Indian Airlines as a result thereof;

(d) whether the Government are considering to replace the jumbo jets and airbuses by new large aircrafts with seating capacity for 800 passengers;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to meet the current year demand?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) and (b): Indian Airlines Ltd. executed Letters of Intent (L.O.I.) for lease of five B-737-200 aircraft in September,2000. As per L.O.I., the delivery of B-737-200 aircraft were to begin from 3rd week of November, 2000. The final contract for lease of these B-737-200 aircraft was executed on 15th December, 2000. As per the contract the aircraft were to be delivered from last week of December, 2000 till last week of January, 2001.

The deliveries of B-737-200 aircraft, however, got delayed due to the problems at the end of lessor. The lessors have now informed Indian airlines that the problems at their end have been sorted out and the first aircraft is expected to be delivered in the near future.

(c): The lessor has revised the delivery schedule. Accordingly, the lessor is liable to pay penalty under the provisions of the lease agreement. It is expected that the aircraft will be inducted as per the revised delivery schedule and as such the Company is not likely to suffer any loss.

(d) and (e): There is, at present, no proposal under consideration for induction of new large aircraft with seat capacity of 800 passengers.

(f): Besides five B-737-200 aircraft, Indian Airlines is also in the process of inducting two A-320 aircraft on dry lease basis. This would meet the immediate capacity requirement of the company.